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- 1. HEW SECRETARY WEINBERGER PLEASED TO NOTE RESPECT OF OFFICIALS AT MINISTRY OF LABOR AND SOCIAL AFFAIRS FOR MR. GEORGE P. SHEYA OF HIS STAFF. WEINBERGER DELIGHTED TO MAKE SHEYA AVAILABLE TO MINISTRY FOR ASSISTANCE IN DEVELOPING SAG SOCIAL INSURANCE PROGRAM.
- 2. CONCERTED EFFORT BEING MADE TO MEET ARRIVAL DATE RIYADH APRIL 1. HOWEVER, ACTIONS UNDERWAY THAT MUST BE COMPLETED PRIOR TO SHEYA DEPARTURE MAY DELAY ARRIVAL RIYADH TO APRIL 15. THESE ACTIONS INCLUDE ARRANGEMENTS FOR PROFESSIONAL AND TECHNICAL U.S. EXPERTISE FOR WHICH MINISTRY EXPRESSED INTEREST TO SHEYA DURING LAST VISIT (SEE PARA 5) AND, IN EFFECT, ARE OFFERED AS A FEASIBLE RESPONSE TO DIRECTOR GENERAL REQUEST IN LETTER RECEIVED LAST JANUARY FOR LONG-TERM INDIVIDUAL CONTRACT SERVICES.
- 3. FIRM ARRIVAL DATE AND ITINERARY, INCLUDING TWO-DAY STOPOVER ENROUTE IN BEIRUT FOR MEETING WITH IBM AND UNCLASSIFIED

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INSURANCE PROBLEMS, AND ONE DAY JIDDA FOR CONSULTATION WITH EMBASSY, WILL BE FURNISHED ASAP.

- 4. TOTAL ESTIMATED COST SHEYA ASSIGNMENT 4 MONTHS BEGINNING APRIL IS DOLS 24,595, INCLUDING DOLS 750 FOR WASHINGTON TO RIYADH AIRFARE. COST ESTIMATE ASSUMES SAG WILL FURNISH INTERNAL TRAVEL AND RETURN TRANSPORTATION TO US.
- 5. SUMMARY QUALIFICATIONS STATEMENT, TOTAL REIMBURSEMENT COSTS FOR A NINETY-DAY MISSION, AND RELATED INFORMATION FOR TWO ADDITIONAL HEW ADVISERS WILL BE FURNISHED SOON FOR CONSIDERATION OF THE MINISTRY. EXPEDITIOUS PROCESSING IS CONTEMPLATED, IF AGREEABLE TO THE MINISTRY, FOR ARRIVAL OF TEAM MEMBERS BY APRIL 30. DETAILED INFO WILL FOLLOW.
- 6. HEW WOULD APPRECIATE CONFIRMATION THAT SHEYA'S ITINERARY AND COSTS ACCEPTABLE TO SAG.
- 7. FYI. TOTAL IN PARA 4 INCLUDES BASE SALARY DOLLARS 12,067 FOR 126 DAYS, 2,223 FRINGE BENEFITS, 3,017 POST DIFFERENTIAL, PER DIEM OF 4,914 AT 39 RATE IN RIYADH, PLUS TRAVEL PER DIEM, 390 SUNDAY AND HOLIDAY PAY, ABOUT 1,200 FOR MISCELLANEOUS COSTS INCLUDING EXCESS BAGGAGE, AND 750 ONE WAY ECONOMY AIR TRAVEL. KISSINGER

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